

followed by a soup lunch; no need to book but donations to cover costs will be appreciated.

<https://castlegreenwi.org.uk>

Margaret Alcock

## Finishing with a Smile ...

... Fresh out of seminary, a young pastor found an associate position at a prestigious church. One Sunday early on, he was given the opportunity to preach. He prepared diligently - perhaps a bit too excited to use all the learning he'd acquired - and worked hard to make his words eloquent and smooth.

Shaking hands at the end of the service, he was approached by one of the older ladies who was known and respected in both the church and community. "Sir," she said with a smile, "your sermon was like the peace of God!"

The young preacher's grin widened, and his chest puffed a bit ... until she continued on, "it surpassed ALL understanding!"



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### ITEMS FOR THE NOVEMBER MAGAZINE

If you have any items for the November edition of the magazine, please forward to Beth Lewsey, by the **24<sup>th</sup> October** by email if possible, to: [parishmagazine@saltwoodchurch.org](mailto:parishmagazine@saltwoodchurch.org) or deliver to 20 Castle Avenue. (Tel 01303 264577).

*N.B. Copies of the parish magazine can be found under the tab 'Newsletters' on our website: [lympneandsaltwoodchurches.org.uk](http://lympneandsaltwoodchurches.org.uk)  
The 'e' version may contain extra material, so it's always worth a look!*

## Castle Green W I



President Julie Andrews welcomed thirty-five members and two guests to the September meeting. Elisa and her team were thanked for providing refreshments and Valerie Humphreys was thanked for the flower arrangement for the president's table.

The record of the July meeting was approved and signed: there were no matters arising.

Julie reminded members that the NFWI membership survey is in WI Life and on the NFWI website.

All the sub-groups are holding meetings in October, please see the website for details.

**Christmas Lunch** will be held at Sotirios in Folkestone on December 18<sup>th</sup>. A £5.00 non -refundable deposit is required to secure your booking and can be paid by bank transfer, cheque, or cash.

Annual Meeting in February; Julie reminded us that she is standing down at the Annual Meeting and we will need a new President. As most of you will know, without a President or indeed without a secretary or treasurer, Castle Green WI would be closed so please give serious thought to this matter.

After coffee, cake and a chat we welcomed our speaker Pippa from the charity Folkestone Baby Basics. The charity provides emergency packages to new mothers and babies of 0-3 months. The charity was founded fifteen years ago in Sheffield and there are other branches in Kent. The Folkestone branch covers an area from Folkestone to Dungeness. Most of the referrals come from midwives and social workers. This was an interesting and thought-provoking talk. Mary Wheatley gave the vote of thanks.

The next meeting is on **Friday October 11<sup>th</sup>** when we will welcome Martin Newcombe with a talk entitled Folk Tales and Ghost stories. This will be

# SALTWOOD VILLAGE SOCIETY

THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

7.15 for 7.30PM

THE LADS' CLUB, RECTORY LANE

## 'THE CINQUE PORTS'

An illustrated talk on the history and significance of the  
'Head Ports', 'Ancient Towns' and 'Limbs'

By Len Howell



**VILLAGE NEWS/RAFFLE/FREE REFRESHMENTS**

**MEMBERS £3, NON-MEMBERS £8. ALL WELCOME**

**FREE PARKING AT THE CHURCH**

## A Letter from the Rector

Dear all,

Up until Advent we turn our hearts and minds toward one of the most profound symbols of our faith: the Cross of Jesus. The Cross represents not only the sacrifice made for our sins but also the love, hope, and redemption that is available to all who believe.

The Cross is a powerful reminder of God's immense love for humanity. John 3:16 tells us, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." It signifies the ultimate act of love and sacrifice, where Jesus bore our sins and offered us a path to salvation. During this series, we encourage you to reflect on the meaning of the Cross in your life.

While the Cross does represent suffering and sacrifice, it is also a symbol of hope, redemption, and victory over sin and death. Some believe that the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross is only for a select group of people. However, the message of the Cross is universal; it is meant for all humanity, offering forgiveness and salvation. While the crucifixion of Jesus is a historical event, its significance goes beyond history. It carries theological implications about God's love, grace, and the nature of salvation, which are central to Christian faith. Some people see the Cross as a symbol of guilt and shame for their sins. While it does highlight human sinfulness, it also emphasises God's grace and forgiveness, inviting believers to embrace their identity as redeemed children of God.

While the Cross is central to Christianity, its message of love, sacrifice, and redemption can resonate with people of various beliefs and backgrounds, promoting discussions about faith, morality, and the human condition.

Join us for our special services dedicated to the theme of the Cross each Sunday morning. If you are unable to attend church the sermon will be on YouTube and shared via email. Make sure we have your email address.

Also, I invite you to share your testimonies of how the Cross has transformed your life. Whether it's a story of healing, forgiveness, or renewed faith, your experiences can inspire others in our community. Please send your testimonies to me at [rev.barry@icloud.com](mailto:rev.barry@icloud.com)

Join us in sharing the love of Jesus with those in need. The sermon series seeks not only to inform but to equip us to make the message easy to share and understand.

As we meditate on the Cross of Jesus, may we be reminded of the hope that it brings. Let us carry our crosses daily, following Christ and sharing His love with others. Together, let us strive to be a light in our community, reflecting the love and grace we have received.

Blessings, Rev Barry

### **Saltwood Church Pastoral Group**

*'And let us look out for one another to provoke love and good works'  
(Hebrews 10:24)*

Our Pastoral Group meet monthly to seek ways of offering support to those who are going through difficult or challenging times. If you know someone you are concerned about, or if you have concerns yourself, please contact us. You will always find a friendly voice and a listening ear at the end of the line.

Caring for others is at the heart of Christian life and you can help us by being our eyes and ears, letting us know of anyone who is in need.

Contacts: 01303 266454      01303 883243

## **SHAL: Studying History and Archaeology in Lympne**

In September our speaker, Vince Williams, gave a comprehensive talk on Folkestone in World War 1 1914—18. Prior to 1914 Folkestone had been a very busy holiday resort with hotels employing German serving staff. The outbreak of war resulted in ships from France being diverted to Boulogne and onward to Folkestone, and immediately trade and transport dried up. Lord Kitchener's famous appeal 'Your country needs you' resulted in men and women joining the forces, and hotels and hospitals commissioned as hospitals for the wounded.

The first main group of soldiers returned wounded at the end of September 1914, together with over 2000 Belgian troops and refugees. In Folkestone Committees were formed to organise these intakes and the Belgian consulate was opened in Sandgate Road in Bobby's Dept. Store (later Debenhams). In early 1915 there were concerns over submarines near Folkestone but not one troopship was hit and many thousands of troops walked along Lower Sandgate Road. In late 1915 Australian and Canadian troops were based on the Leas, followed by a further contingent of 41000. The Canadians dug trenches at Shorncliffe and practised in the trenches. More Canadian hospitals were opened as they integrated into the Folkestone community and some of them married English women. At the end of October 1915 King George V visited Lympne, Beachborough, and then rode on horseback to Cheriton. At that time laundries were engaged in cleaning uniforms with female workers. In early 1916 the Germans attacked by seaplane and a number of rest camps were opened in Marine Gardens and other places in order to support the community and provide sports and recreational facilities. In 1916 a Zeppelin dropped its remaining 5 bombs in the sea on the way back, and later intensified bombing on the Leas No. 3 Camp. In 1917 94000 Chinese arrived and lived in huts on Cherry Garden Avenue, keeping busy in clearing mines, and another Chinese group were at Shorncliffe Military Centre. Later in May the Germans dropped 16-18 bombs killing 61-63 people. Life then started to return to normal with a 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Ceremony.

At our 15<sup>th</sup> October meeting at 7.30pm in the Harry Margary Hall Dr. Martin Watts will talk on 'Richborough Harbour World War 1 and 2'. Non-members are welcome.



**ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, LYMPNE**

**ART EXHIBITION**

**FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> AND**

**SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER**

**10.00AM – 4.00PM**

**PAINTINGS BY BRIAN ROSE**



**FOR MANY YEARS CHURCHWARDEN OF ST STEPHEN'S**

and **PAT ROSE**

**ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS EXHIBITION  
WILL GO TO THE UP-KEEP OF OUR  
BEAUTIFUL GRADE 1 LISTED CHURCH**

**Diary – St Peter and St Paul**



October  
2024



<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup></b>		Our Rector's day off – <i>and each following Tuesday</i>
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	10.00 – 11.30	Saltwood Toddlers in the Lads' Club – <i>and each following Wednesday</i>
	14.00	Afternoon Prayer Group meets at 34 Harpswood Lane
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	09.30	Saltwood School harvest Festival
	18.00 – 19.00	Bell Ringing Practice – <i>and each following Thursday</i>
	19.00	Choir Practice – <i>and each following Thursday</i>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	09.00	Prayer in the Church – <i>and each following Friday</i>
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Trinity 19</b>	08.00	Holy Communion BCP
	09.40	Prayer Meeting in the Lady Chapel ( <i>and each following Sunday</i> )
	10.00.	Holy Communion and Harvest Festival
	10.00	Bubble Church in the Lads' Club
	12.00	Harvest Lunch in the Lads' Club
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	14.00	Monday Chats in the Lads' Club – <i>and each following Monday</i>
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Trinity 20</b>	09.00	Holy Communion BCP at Pedlinge
	10.00	Holy Communion

<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30	Prayer Support Group meet at Hunters Moon
	13.00	Funeral – Trish Winder
	14.00	Cinema Club in the Lads' Club
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	09.30	Saltwood School Collective Worship in the church
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 – 12.30	Coffee Morning at Lympne church
	15.45	Messy Church in the Lads' Club
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Trinity 21</i>	08.00	Holy Communion BCP
	10.00	Holy Communion – and Sunday Club in the Lads' Club
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	16.30	Wedding: Luke and Ashleigh
	N.B.	Last date for entries for the November magazine
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00 – 12.30	Book and Art Fair at the Lads' Club
	N.B.	<b>Clocks go back tonight!!</b>
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Last after Trinity</i>	08.00	Holy Communion BCP
	10.00	Hooba Family Worship



street. They will take household appliances (that will fit in a wheelie bin), old cameras, mains or battery tools, electrical leads and cables.

In October you might see slogans as part of this annual campaign to “Join the e-waste hunt - retrieve, recycle, and revive!” Organisations such as those above make this easy.

## ***ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, LYMPNE COFFEE MORNING***



**SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> October**

**10.30am - 12.30pm**

- *Come and join us for coffee, cakes and savoury bakes. If the sun is shining, sit out and enjoy.*
- *Catch up with old friends and new*
- *Enjoy the songs from the musicals with Richard on the piano*

*Proceeds to maintenance of the church plus a donation to this month's nominated charity:*

**WATER AID**

## Churchyard - Autumn planting

It is the time of year to be planting bulbs for the spring. The plan for the churchyard is to get as much colour into the wide border along the castle wall as possible to both look stunning and be a good source of nectar for wildlife. We also plan to encourage a greater number and variety of native UK flowering plants throughout other areas of the churchyard.

We would be grateful for any (more) donations of bulbs or plants for either location

## International e-waste Day - 14th October

We have a responsibility to look after the earth's resources and to use them sustainably and think about how we throw things away. In recent years the amount of 'e-waste' has grown - this includes anything with a plug, cable, or battery, but also small electronics such as old mobile phones, cables, USB keys, card readers, game consoles- and other devices.

There are different ways of responsibly recycling these:

1. Digital Kent (<https://devicerecyclingscheme.co.uk/>) have a device recycling scheme for things like phone and laptops. They ensure any data is securely erased and then refurbish many devices to re-use within the community or recycle. A local scheme supporting local communities and reducing e-waste. They will collect items from your house.
2. The Hythe Environmental Community Group operates an Electrical Waste Drop Off Point for small electrical items every Saturday in front of the shop from 10.00am to 4.00pm. This is in the 101 Open Door Project building - at 101 Hythe high



## From The Parish Records

We welcome into the family of the Church:

**Poppy Hall**, who was baptised at Pedlinge on 15<sup>th</sup> September

and **Oliver Milton**, was baptised at Saltwood on 15<sup>th</sup> September

**Congratulations to:**

**Rebecca Gardner and Benjamin Ludlow**, whose wedding was on 7<sup>th</sup> September

**Our love and sympathy go to the family and friends of:**

**Joyce King**, whose funeral was on 12<sup>th</sup> September

**Andrew Jakeway**, whose memorial service was on 17<sup>th</sup> September

**Barbara Dawson**, whose burial was on 23<sup>rd</sup> September

**David Martin**, whose funeral was on 25<sup>th</sup> September

**Robert Dyer, 'Bob'**, whose funeral was on 27<sup>th</sup> September

## INTERCESSIONS FOR OCTOBER

*Today we pray especially for.....*

- 1 Those who live in Bartholomew Close and Lea Close
- 2 Those who protect us – the emergency services
- 3 All who worship at St Peter & St Paul and at Pedlinge
- 4 The work of the Folkestone Rainbow Centre
- 5 The lonely, thinking particularly of those known to you
- 6 Those who live in Bartholomew Lane and St John's Road
- 7 Those who visit our church and those who make use of it
- 8 Holy Trinity Folkestone, St George Folkestone, and St. Paul Sandgate



- 9 Our organists and choir
- 10 Canterbury Cathedral, Diocesan House and their staffs
- 11 Those who live in Hillcrest Road and Quarry Lane
- 12 Those who care for the church and churchyard and make them beautiful
- 13 The national role of the Church of England
- 14 St John the Baptist Folkestone
- 15 Our neighbours
- 16 Those who live in Holly Close and Mulberry Court
- 17 Those unsure of their future, thinking particularly of those known to you
- 18 St Augustine's Primary School – staff and pupils
- 19 The Pilgrims Hospice
- 20 Families going through difficult times, thinking particularly of those known to you
- 21 Those who live in North Road West, North Road and Barrack Hill
- 22 Those parts of the world where there is war or political strife and those who suffer as a result
- 23 Our own benefice with St Stephen Lympe
- 24 His Majesty's Government and Members of Parliament
- 25 Compassion UK
- 26 Those who live in Pedlinge and Sandling
- 27 The terminally ill and their families, thinking particularly of those known to you
- 28 Our study groups
- 29 Other, non-Anglican, churches in the local area
- 30 Those who live in Sandling Road and Highfield Close
- 31 The forces of Good over Evil



## Prayer Ministry at Saltwood

The Prayer Ministry Team are there for YOU, in the sanctuary at Saltwood, after the 10 a.m. service every week.

Wondering just what happens if you come for prayer? If you wish, you can share your prayer need (for yourself or someone else) in just a few words. The two prayer team members will pray in response to your

## Ecochurch Progress

At Lympe many different people are involved in different aspects of this project across different areas such as Worship, Buildings, Land, Community engagement and Lifestyle.

Thanks to all those involved with leading services, writing prayers, procuring supplies more sustainable - we are progressing well towards the Gold Eco Award.

### Visit to Langdon Ecogarden

About a dozen people from Lympe had a private tour of this eco garden near Faversham, looking at different ways of making an area of land into a better habitat for bees and birds by encouraging a wider range of plants.



Langdon Ecogarden

We learned about the two different types of wildflower meadow and how to gradually establish these. We saw some good ideas for creating natural paths and edges to flower borders. It was inspiring to see what can be created over just a few years. And the cake(s) were very good!



## Home Groups

There are two house groups - Monday evening (contact Rachel & Peter) and Friday morning (contact Monica & Peter). Both meet every two weeks and read through the bible together with lots of talk and discussion.

## Groups for Families

Groups and services for children and families take place mostly in Saltwood with the Lad's Club - but once a month there is Family service in Lympne church, and in term time a weekly Toddlers group in Lympne village hall on Thursdays.

If you are curious as to what goes on have a look on the new display boards in Lympne church with photos of many of these activities.

## Lympne Fellowship

At our September meeting we were entertained by Sue Gibson, one of our own members, with an amusing and informative talk about her 'Big Holiday' to Australia and New Zealand in 2022. Arriving in Perth, Sue and her husband embarked on a well-planned tour of Australia, taking the opportunity to embrace a variety of experiences where she pushed herself outside her usual comfort zone, including parascending, something she found terrifying. Finally arriving in Melbourne, they flew on to New Zealand, to enjoy the awe-inspiring scenery and find the place where her father had been born. A trip that had very special meaning to her and one she will always remember.

Lympne Fellowship normally meets at 1.15pm in the Harry Margary Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, with a programme of interesting and informative talks and activities. For further information about our group, please contact **Jill Page on 07846 819693**

need, simply bringing that need to Jesus and asking for his blessings. If you prefer, you don't have to say anything - we will pray for you, that the Lord would meet you at your point of need that day. You may also like to have the sign of the cross marked on your forehead and palms with oil that has been blessed for healing (anointing.)

Worried about confidentiality? Everything you say will be treated in complete confidence. Team members are bound by the strictest rule of respecting the trust you place in them and will not betray that trust.

Worried that you'll feel self-conscious? Everyone else is busy getting coffee, no-one will be watching you. Be encouraged to come for prayer!

## A Prayer for OCTOBER



We bless you, God of  
Seed and Harvest,  
And we bless each other,  
That the beauty of this  
world,  
And the love that created  
it,  
Might be expressed  
through our lives  
And be a blessing to  
others,  
Now and always  
Amen

*(Courtesy of faith and Worship  
website)*

## WARDENS' CORNER

From Carol Eastell: -

**REMINDER:** Clocks go back on Saturday night 26th October

**Prayer Afternoon** at the home of Penny Forsyth, 34 Harpswood Lane will be at the usual time of 2 pm on Wednesday 2 October. We would love for more of you to join us for this gentle afternoon of prayer. There is always so much to pray for and when we pray for one another it is always a great blessing and an encouragement for those for whom we pray.

**Prayer Support Group** meeting at the home of Audrey Wayte on Wednesday 16 October at 10 30 for 11. Please let Audrey or Carol know if you are not joining us.

**MONDAY CHATS** is at the Lads' Club every Monday from 2pm till 4pm. A warm welcome awaits you and if you have a free Monday, we would love you to spend it with us chatting to one another whilst enjoying a cup of tea and some delicious home-made cake.

From John Campbell: -

**Hooba Service:** We had over 50 people at the Hooba service in September. It makes such a difference when you come to these services and we can see ourselves as the family we are. Our collective presence is worship of itself, and we shouldn't really feel we can only worship God one way. I encourage you all to come to our family service once a month so that we continue to worship God together as He deserves.

**Holy Spirit Teaching Videos:** Just a reminder that you can find them all at [www.lympneandsaltwoodchurches.org.uk/teaching-videos](http://www.lympneandsaltwoodchurches.org.uk/teaching-videos).

## ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, LYMPNE



### SERVICES AND EVENTS IN OCTOBER

<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Holy Communion	11.00
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Hooba Family Service	11.00
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Lympne School Collective Worship in church Prayer meeting (30 minutes)	10.00 12.30
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee morning	10.30 – 12.30
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Worship	11.00
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Wedding Rehearsal	15.00
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Wedding	15.00
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Holy Communion	11.00
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Lympne School in church Prayer meeting	10.00 12.30
<b>Next Month</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> November – Sale of paintings in church – <i>see page 24</i>	

#### Weekly Events in church:

Mondays 19:30-21:30 - Bell ringing Practice

Saturday mornings 10:30 - 12:3 - Eco group working churchyard (when dry)

## Outreach Day—Ashford 'Faith, Hope, God, Grief and Loss'

Loss is as much a part of life as gain; it is varied and affects us all deeply and differently. On this day we bring honest recognition of our losses as we seek to gain comfort.



### Led by The Living Well Chaplaincy

Worship, teaching and opportunity to receive prayer

**Saturday 2nd November 2024**  
**10am-3.30pm (9.45am coffee)**

**At St Mary's Church, Willesborough,**  
**Ashford TN24 0YR**

Tea & coffee provided, please bring your own lunch.

For more information & to book, email [contact@the-living-well.org.uk](mailto:contact@the-living-well.org.uk)  
or 01304 842847. Suggested donation £20. All are welcome!



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In my experience it's always worth watching more than once; it seems we always learn something missed the first time around. The Holy Spirit is an intimate part of our lives every single day and every single moment, He's not someone we can just park and say to ourselves, "we know that now".

You might be interested to know that there is a Bible study group in South Africa being blessed by these videos at the moment too.

**Reverend Barry's Day Off:** A routine reminder to everyone that Barry's nominated weekly day off is Tuesday. This is the day that suits him best, so I would ask you all not to contact him at all that day by any means - by phone, email, or text. If an emergency occurs, by which I mean something that really, really can't wait until Wednesday, then please contact one of the wardens, at Saltwood or Lympe.

### From Rachel Cornish: -

Last month once during intercessions I used a Teaspoon Prayer - something I've used for many years as I find helpful.

Anyone who does cooking will be aware that the shorthand for teaspoon is tsp - Thanks, Sorry, Please. Says it all really; when praying we can start by giving thanks for the good things, say sorry where we've let ourselves or God down and then pray for specific people or situations in the world. So a nice simple template to use.

Many of us use teaspoons a lot during the day - for making drinks or eating yoghurt, or even in cooking. Next time - try using the teaspoon prayer.



We are saved not by our deeds but by Christ's sacrifice for our misdeeds.  
- Fred Catherwood.



## 'Healing the Wounds of Trauma'



**A 6-week course held at The Living Well  
on Tuesday afternoons from 22nd October 2024**

What is a wound of the heart? Including grief and loss  
What can help our heart wounds heal? Including being a good listener  
What happens when someone is grieving? Grief journey and lament  
If God loves us, why do we suffer? How to remember God in times of suffering  
Bringing our pain to the cross, identifying the wounds of our heart  
How can we forgive others? Forgiveness sets us free!

Please book via the administrator on 01304 842847 or  
contact@the-living-well.org.uk. Suggested donation £35 for 6 sessions



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# BOOK FAIR & ART EXHIBITION

@ The Lads' Club Saltwood

**SATURDAY 26th OCTOBER**

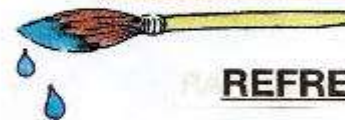
10am - 12.30pm / FREE ENTRY

**Winter Reading at bargain prices**  
Paperback & hardback novels..... 50p each



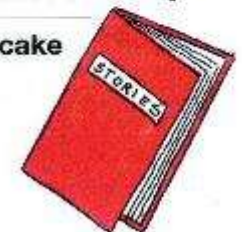
Children's Books..... 25p each  
Cookery / Gardening / Sport / Hobbies

**SALTWOOD ART GROUP**  
PAINTINGS & CARDS to view or buy  
ALL MASTERPIECES!



## REFRESHMENTS

Stay and have a cuppa and cake





## From the Parish Magazine – OCTOBER 2004

Twenty years ago, there was notice of the forthcoming school Harvest Festival and Church Harvest Festival followed by a Harvest Lunch; a report on the recent Ride and Stride Day; an advert for the Saltwood Village Society meeting; and a report from Castle Green WI. All this sounds much the same as our 2024 magazine entries!

There were also reports of grumbling in the congregation (about the kitchen extensions and necessary alterations in church) ... does anything change?! This prompted the following from the Rector:

‘Comments like “if our normal Sunday service is going to change, we ... will be looking for somewhere else to go on a Sunday morning”. There have even been ... threatening notes over signs on the footpath gate. If you hear of such questions, or maybe asking them yourself, let me try to reassure you, First let me recap on why we are making changes,

- We began by exploring options to meet the requirements ... for the disabled
- We needed to find more seats for the popular services in the year
- We are doing it to make the running of this house of prayer easier ...
- It is noticeable that many more people, old and young, stay for *(cold)* refreshments on the first Sunday *(served in church)* than go for coffee in the Lads’ Club on the other Sundays

I hope that what we are doing will ... make us more flexible and adaptable and ... welcoming to newcomers.

I know that moving a font, changing the seating etc will not have been welcomed by everyone but let me reassure you it isn’t part of my agenda to change the pattern and ethos of our Sunday mornings.

Where this step in faith will take us ... I cannot say ... but hopefully we will be growing forward together.’

## Joyce King

David wishes to express his thanks for all the cards and letters he has received. They have been a blessing and comfort. The extended family commented on the warm and loving Church when they attended the thanksgiving service. David is grateful for the prayerful and practical support he is receiving. Well, that’s Saltwood!

## The Message of the Cross

*While we are having a sermon series on this topic. It seems appropriate to repeat an article from last October’s magazine:*

Taking an autumn walk through the local woods recently I saw a ‘cross’ that I hadn’t noticed before. Getting closer I expected to read something like ‘in memory of’ ... a favourite pet perhaps. But no! It was the adjacent landowner proclaiming ‘private property’.



How different from the true message of the Cross: that Jesus gave his own life freely so that all might enter God’s Kingdom. The exact opposite of ‘private property’ – all are welcome!



## RIDE & STRIDE



On 14<sup>th</sup> September, thirteen of us left our church at about 10 a.m. walking to St Leonard's, St Michael's, the Salvation Army, then along the canal to the United Reformed church and Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Some stopped for a coffee at Waitrose while waiting for the No 18 bus taking 11 of us to Canterbury where we visited 9 more churches and stopped for some welcome refreshment before arriving back in Saltwood at just after 5 p.m. having visited a total of 15 churches and walking a total of 7 miles.

We thank all our sponsors who helped jointly to raise **£1315.00 plus Gift Aid**. This has been sent to The Friends of Kent Churches, half of which will be then returned to our church.

Joy & Derek Russill



(Editor's Note; A huge thank you to Derek and Joy – not least for their diligence in collecting in all the sponsor money!)

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

We shall be holding our **Harvest Festival Service, with Holy Communion on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October**, at the usual time of 10am. This will be followed by a **'Bring and Share' Harvest Lunch in the Lads' Club at 12 noon**. Do come along!



## Saltwood Cinema Club



on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**  
at **2pm in the Lads' Club**

## FLY ME TO THE MOON

Starring Scarlett Johansson and Channing Tatum, Fly Me To The Moon is a sharp, stylish romantic comedy set against the high-stakes backdrop of NASA's historic Apollo 11 moon landing. Brought in to fix NASA's public image, sparks fly in all directions as marketing maven Kelly Jones (Johansson) wreaks havoc on launch director Cole Davis's (Tatum) already difficult task. When the White House deems the mission too important to fail, the countdown truly begins.

**Cost £5 per person to include tea and cake**

All proceeds to the Lads' Club Funds